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### APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CUTTING OF A WEB, FEEDING IT INTO A PROCESSING LINE AND THREADING IT UP THROUGH THAT LINE

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on February 5, 1999 as U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ or PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/00758 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed (Yes/No)
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